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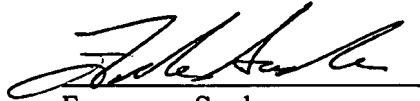
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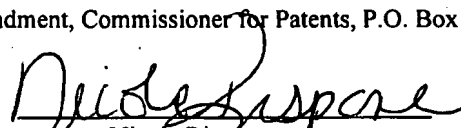
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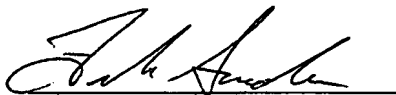
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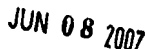
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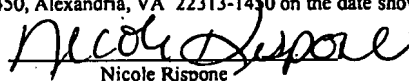
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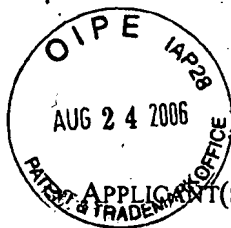
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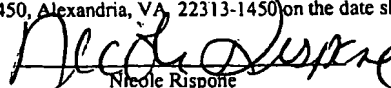
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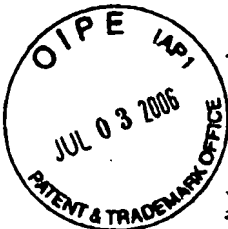
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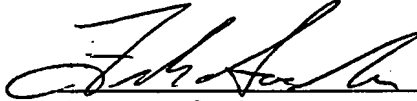
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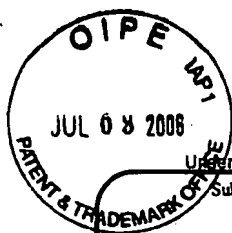
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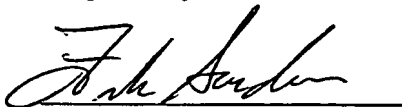
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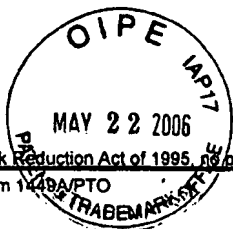
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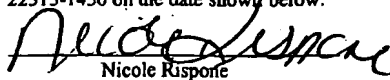
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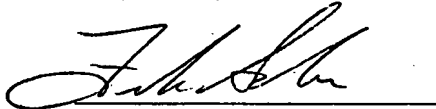
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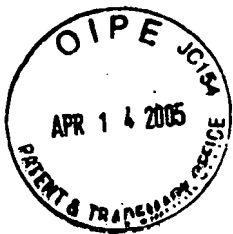
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that copies of the references listed on pages 1-8 are not required since this application was filed after June 30, 2003 pursuant to 51 C.F.R. 1.98. Copies of foreign references and publications listed on page 9 of form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

Applicants would like to bring parent International Application No. PCT/US03/22900 filed on July 23, 2003 to the Examiner's attention. A copy of this application is enclosed.

Applicant would also like to bring commonly-owned International Application No. PCT/US04/04685 filed on February 17, 2004; U.S. Application No. 10/718,113 filed on November 20, 2003; U.S. Application No. 10/959,824 filed on

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The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the references are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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- ☐ [] To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.

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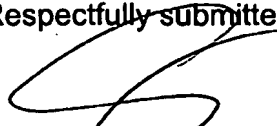
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

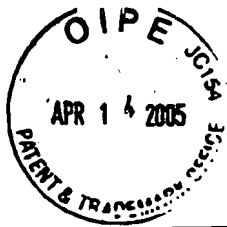
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